Suspension of Border Fencing

344. SHRI G. G. SWELL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chief Minister of Meghalaya has called for the suspension of the construction of the border fence with Bangladesh;

(b) whether he has consulted the Central before making the call;

(c) whether he has adduced convincing reasons for such a call; and

(d) if so, what are those reasons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Pakistan's role in blasts

345. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the headines in the Hindustan Times dated 22nd May, 1993 that there is controvertible evidence on Pakistan's role in blasts; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to take up the matter with that country to secure those involved in the blasts who are reported to be staying there?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Government have seen the headlines in the 'Hindustan Times' dated 22nd May, 1993 to the effect that there is 'incontrovertible evidence of Pak role in blasts'.

(b) Government had promptly informed the Pakistani authorities of the Memon family's involvement in the bomb blasts in Bombay as well as about the details of their travels and of their collaborators between India and Pakistan through Dubai, and requested for the appenhension and repatriation of these criminals to face trial in this country. Efforts are continuing through diplomatic channels to secure Pakistan's cooperation in this regard.

Recruitment of Ex-Servicemen into J&K State Police

346. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of HOM EAFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that J&K Government has recenly ordered the recruitment of servicemen into the State Police in border districts to effectively deal with militancy;

(b) if so, the results achieved so far in this regard;

(c) whether the same practice would be followed by other States also where the militancy is on the increase; and

(d) what are the areas in J & K where such recruits had been put in for this purpose; nd what is the total number of such recruitments made by J & K Government so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (d). According to information made available by the Government of Jammu and Kashmir, 300 ex-serviceimen have been recruited in the State Police. They have been deployed mainly in the Districts of Doda, Poonch and Rajouri. This has helped to augment and add to the effectiveness of the force.

Rapes in Police Custody

347. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
SHRI MISA R. GANESAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of incidents of rape took place in Police custody during the last three years in Delhi and other parts of country, year-wise figures;

(b) what is the number of cases, in which the culprits were punished/acquitted by courts, year-wise figures;

(c) what is the number of cases which are still pending:

(d) what is the number of policemen who were dismissed during the last three years for involvement of custodial rapes, year wise figures;

(e) whether Government are aware of the allegation of custodial rape of a minor Bangladeshi girl by policemen in Seemapuri Police Station/Booth;

(f) if so, the details thereof; whether any policemen have been arrested and also suspended from duty; if so, the details thereof; and

(g) what preventive measures are being taken by Delhi Administration that such heinous crimes do not take place in Police Station in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) to (d). The Delhi Police has stated that no case of rape in police custody has been reported in Delhi during the years 1990, 1991, 1992 and 1993 (upto 22-7-93).

Registratinn, investigation, detection and prosecution of crimes is the responsibility of the concerned State Governments. Details of such cases are not separately compiled by the Central agencies.

(e) and (f). The Delhi Police has reported that a minor Bangladeshi girl was raped by 5 policemen in the month of June, 1993 in North East District. These policemen have been arrested and placed under suspension and a case u/s 376/506/34 IPC has been registered.

(g) All senior officers has been directed to pay surprise visits to the police stations during night hours. Women police are detailed for duty where women are held in police custody.

Special Report on alleged Human Right Violations

348. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has prepared a speial report on the alleged human rights violations reported by Amnesty International;

(b) if so, what are the details of the report;

(c) whether the allegations have been condemned by Government in the report; and

(d) if so, the reaction of Amnesty International thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) to (d) In a report published by Amnesty International in March, 1992, 415 cases of alleged violation of Human Rights were brought out. A general response was immediately issued, bringing out the various laws and instructions that already exist in the country for the protection of Human Rights in their widest form, and pointing out that many observations made in the report were incorrect or grossly exagerated. It was also decided to collect the information from the State Governments about the individual cases sited in the report. On the basis of information made available, fact sheets have been compiled in respect of 230 cases and these have been widely disseminated. A summary analysis of the same is given in the Annexure.

See Appendix CLXVIII, Annexure No. 8.)

Raising Reserve Forces to deal with militancy

349. SHRI JAGIR SINGH DARD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to raise the strength of Reserve Forces and to impart training dealing with militancy and law and order problems; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?